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ingement of Russian and French rights, these journals also hint that Germany will continue to cooperate with Russia and France in the Far East. Germany is said to have decided to follow the lead of the example of the United States in the case of the Chinese Powers by sending a large expeditionary force to China.

Jan. 20.—Russia and Great Britain are very unyielding in their attitude in regard to the Far East. The chief difficulty in the way of a settlement is with regard to the open ports of the Yellow Sea, near Port Arthur, to foreign trade.

Mr. H. H. Aspineth and Mr. H. Campbell-Bannerman both state that the country would support the Government in its strenuous assertion of freedom of trade with China.

Mr. Michael Hicks-Beach said that owing to the strike of engineers the expenditure of £1,500,000 upon the Navy had been

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GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION.
January 22.—The English newspapers are commencing upon a sober and serious note, and are pointing out the relations between Great Britain and Russia, and also refer to the fact that Bri-

Telegrams from Peking state that in consequence of the intimidation of China by the Russian Minister at Peking the prospects of China accepting the offer of Britain to provide a loan of £12,000,000 to pay the indemnity due to Japan are doubtful. Many of the German newspapers are supporting the demands of Great Britain for freedom of trade in China.

in referring to the situation in the Far East, the *Standard* to-day says:—Events are rapidly shaping towards the issue, putting to the test the recent declarations by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and other members of the Government. Either Russia or Great Britain must give way. If Russia should be permitted to coerce China into rejecting the British terms or to prejudicially affect her influence in China, a crucial trial of

length would be inevitable.

REINFORCING THE FRENCH SQUADRON.
Admiral Bernard, the French Minister of Marine, has given notice of his intention to ask the Chamber of Deputies for a large grant to meet the expenses of reinforcing the French squadron in Chinese waters.

MEETING OF THE BRITISH CABINET.
Jan. 23.—A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, at which the situation in

Jan. 26. —The Times states that Germany, after much hesitation, has decided to open negotiations with the world.

Jan. 26. —Russia has offered to raise the Chinese loan on financial conditions similar to those offered by Great Britain. France has also offered to do so.

Speaking at Bolton, in Lancashire, last night, Mr G. N. Curzon said that there was every reason to suppose that the Chinese market would be successfully raised in England. In the event of China failing to accept Britain's offer, it would not affect her determination to uphold the same rights of entry into Chinese ports as are enjoyed by other Powers.

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Quotations.
HONGKONG, Feb. 17, 1899.
TIUM—New Patna, cash, ... 707½
" Old .. cash, ..
" New Benares, cash, 705
" Old .. cash... 715

"	New Malwa credit,	781
"	Allowance, Taels,...	16/24
"	Last Year New,...	770/780
"	Allowance, Taels,...	16/24
"	Old Malwa credit,...	780/800
"	Allowance, Taels,...	12/24
"	Persian; Paper tied	—
"	Allowance, Taels, ...	—
"	Persian Paper tied	740/770
"	Allowance, Taels, ...	8/6

Hongkong Register.			
	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.78	29.81	29.88
Temperature	78	76	75
Humidity	88	86	87
Direction of wind	"	"	"

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *A*, near the Kowloon shore *K*, and three in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *C*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

<p><i>Section.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.	<p><i>Section.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.9. From East Point to North Point.10. Kowloon Wharves.11. Jardine's Wharf.
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Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tonnage.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees, Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.							

Arratoon Apar	5 k Sundberg	Brit.	str.	1392	Feb.	16	David Samson, Sons & Co.
Astrid	8 o Ellgers	Norw.	str.	975	Feb.	16	Lauts. Wegener & Co.
Beloit	3 o Ellis						

Sutuan	3	c	Anders	Brit.	str.	2695	Feb. 12	O. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	Feb. 22.
Bygdo	3	c	Maddridge	Span.	str.	328	Feb. 15	Brandao & Co.		

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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
despatch-vessel		1700	10	9000	Commander Smith-Dorrien	Hongkong
sloop		1050	6	1400	Commander E. F. Donville	Chunmu
cruiser 3rd class		1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
twinscrew battleship		10,600	14	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Logie	Chunmu
cruiser		1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Chunmu
cruiser 1st class		7300	—	—	Capt. H. King Ball	Hongkong
g-b, 3rd class coast defense		363	2	800	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Wootung
gunboat 2nd class		455	2	350		Hongkong
twinscrew cruiser, 1st class		7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Chunmu
torpedo boat destroyer		260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Chunmu
torpedo boat destroyer		260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Chunmu
storeship		1040	—	800	Commander Grammore	Hongkong
armoured cruiser, 1st class		6600	12	8000	Captain Edward Chichester	Chunmu
cruiser 2nd class		3600	8	9000	Com. H. T. Dudding	Hongkong
gun-vessel 2nd class		755	2	850	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Chunmu
armoured cruiser, 1st class		6600	12	8500	Com. W. C. Forsyth	Hongkong
gunboat 1st class		750	6	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Chunmu
sloop		1050	6	1400	Capt. Cechrane	Hongkong
cruiser 2nd class		710	6	1200	Lieut. Dornier	Hankow
gunboat 1st class		8500	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Shanghai
gunboat 1st class		755	8	1800	Lieut. R. Lenthorn	Luzon
flagship		14,200	—	—	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Hoces	Hongkong
cruiser 2nd class		3600	8	9000	Com. B. Tisdall	Chunmu
gunboat 1st class		715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Harding	Hankow
gun-vessel 2nd class		805	6	1200	Capt. V. Tisdall	Hankow
receiving ship		766	2	870	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hankow
g-b, 3rd class coast defense		363	2	800		Hongkong
cruiser		5600	12	8500	Capt. J. U. Clarke	Chunmu
receiving ship		6157	14	—	Commander S. Holland	Hongkong
coast defense ship, armoured		2780	4	1000		Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve No. 9, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ball, E.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral Fingert, J.D.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Russian cruiser		1500	12	9000	Captain Meiss	Nagasaki
Russian cruiser		7741	12	6000	Captain Kachurichoff	Nagasaki
Russian gunboat		810	2	750	Captain Furengo	Yokohama
German cruiser		1640	8	2950	Captain Becker	Kobe
Spanish gunboat		608	2	600	Commander B. Oates	Bangkok
French gunboat		475	3	450	Commander Journet	Touron
French flagship		6510	12	4500	Commander Jeanet	Hongkong
Portuguese gunboat		400	3	400	Lt.-Comdr. Marques	Shanghai
Russian sloop		850	3	1150	Captain Bolman	Nagasaki
U. S. cruiser		3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wilkes	Manila
Spanish cruiser		3280	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Spanish troopship		632	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Hongkong
French gunboat		495	3	600	Lieut. Simon	Kobe
German cruiser		1640	8	2950	Capt. Brunati	Touron
Russian cruiser		6000	12	7000	Capt. Bernard	Nagasaki
Spanish cruiser		1200	4	1250	Capt. Whitthill	Manila
Spanish cruiser		1130	4	1600	Capt. R. Robles	Manila
Spanish gunboat		1058	8	2050	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Spanish gunboat		560	3	600	Capt. Texier	Manila
Spanish gunboat		500	3	3600	Lieut.-Com. F. Segundo	Manila
Spanish troopship		1200	2	1000	Capt. Breckenridge	Manila
Spanish gunboat		620	3	600	Capt. E. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
Russian gunboat		1490	2	2000	Lieut.-Com. B. Benavente	Manila
German cruiser		4200	8	2950	Capt. Boussard	Manila
Spanish protected cruiser		1948	4	2200	Commander de Bohn	Manila
Spanish protected cruiser		1048	4	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
German flagship		7677	15	2700	Commander P. Barreto	Manila
German cruiser		6331	20	14,000	Captain Keye	Manila
Russian sloop		1200	9	2150	Captain Kachurichoff	Manila
Spanish transport		1642	3	1800	Capt. Lindstrom	Manila
Russian sloop		1800	2	750	Capt. Ivankov	Manila
Spanish gunboat		1200	3	1400	Lieut.-Com. J. J. Osuna	Manila
German gunboat		560	3	550	Commander Kachurichoff	Manila
U. S. sloop						